

October 2005



Gallatin County 4-H

4-H Boxes of Hope

The Rockin' Roosters 4-H Club would like to encourage all Gallatin County 4-H members to participate in a **4-H Boxes of Hope effort for Katrina 4-Hers**. This program is run by the Louisiana State University Ag Center. The idea is to fill shoeboxes to be handed out to individual 4-H members. Each shoebox is labeled for a girl or boy, age, preschool, elementary, middle, or high school. Please see what your club can do. Filled shoeboxes or items can be taken to the 4-H office or contact Betsy Heckel or Sandra Fiegi to drop them off. Call either the 4-H office at 582-3280 or Betsy at 388-7578 with any questions and for further details.

Do not seal the boxes as LSU will inspect before they distribute them. Ideas they suggested to fill the boxes are:

Books - age appropriate, card games, playing cards, disposable cameras
Gift cards or certificates (Wal-Mart, Target, McDonald's, Burger King, etc)
Hand sanitizer, individual size tissue packs, non-perishable snacks
Note of encouragement, phone cards, small toy
Writing journal for middle to high school age
Use your imagination and think of what you would appreciate receiving.



If you would like to donate many of one thing for multiple boxes, like gift cards, please let us know and we will make that work. If you would like to make a monetary donation to cover shipping expenses that would also be greatly appreciated.

We are hoping for a large response to this effort. What a great way to start off this year by showing what Gallatin County 4-H can do. Thank you from the Rockin' Roosters 4-H Club

3rd Annual Youth Speech Contest Winning Participants Will Share \$1,500 In Cash!!

The Montana Farm Bureau Foundation is happy to announce its annual statewide Youth Speech Contest. All you have to do is write a speech on the topic: "Blazing New Trails: Innovations In Agriculture" and present it at the state contest in Helena, held in conjunction with the MFBF Annual Convention November 6, 2005.



Junior Division: Ages: 13 and under Length: 2.5 – 4 minutes

Senior Division: Ages: 14-18 Length: 5 – 7 minutes

Contact the 4-H office for registration information at 582-3280. Registration information should be received at the MFBF office by November 1, 2005

Prospective MSU students should apply now for fall 2006 scholarships

Montana State University in Bozeman will be awarding a large number of freshmen scholarships to Montana residents who apply for admission for fall 2006. Students are encouraged to act soon, as these scholarships will be available for a limited time. To be considered, students must apply for admission and have their ACT and/or SAT test scores sent to MSU directly from the testing company. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$10,000 depending on the students' ACT and/or SAT test scores. If students qualify, many scholarships automatically will be awarded once their test scores have been received and they have been admitted. Some academic colleges and departments will also award a variety of additional scholarships to new freshmen. To be considered for these scholarships, students must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship Application (found online at the URL listed below) by Feb. 1, 2006. MSU will also be awarding a limited number of Presidential Scholarships. These awards are worth approximately \$26,000 over a four-year period. A cumulative GPA of 3.75 and a composite score of 30 on the ACT or 1320 total SAT (on the SAT taken prior to March 2005) or an equivalent composite on the new SAT (Math, Critical Reading and Writing) are expected of applicants. To be considered, students must apply for admission and complete the Presidential Scholarship Application by Nov. 1, 2005. For more information on the Resident Scholarship Program at MSU, including test score requirements, and other scholarship opportunities, contact the MSU Office of Admissions at 1-888-MSU-CATS or at admissions@montana.edu or visit them online at <http://www.montana.edu/wwwnss/scholarshipsres.shtml>

PROJECT NEWS & INFORMATION

Art Classes

Let's explore different medias - pen, pencil, watercolor, paint-acrylics & oils, charcoal ... Classes will be held on October 6 at 4:00 and October 20 at 4:00 pm. Call the project leader, Leia Miller, at 284-4153 for directions.



Clothing

County-wide Clothing and Textiles Project--New project members are welcome!!

Workshops are October 11 and October 25 from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the Valley Bank (Main Branch) in Belgrade, 98 N Broadway--basement. The project we will be working on is to be determined so please contact Janell Barber at 388-3091 (if no answer, please leave a message) to let her know you will be attending and to get a supply list on what you should bring.



Horse

Horse Committee Members: Dana Adams, 587-3072; Barb Barber, 282-7030; John Palm, 388-7262; Katie Cooper, 580-9278 and Misty Radue, 388-6655.



The next Horse Committee Meeting is October 17th at 6:30 pm at the Kountry Korner Kafe in Four Corners.

ATTENTION ALL HORSE MEMBERS: There will be **MANDATORY ORIENTATION** and **WORK DAY, SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH AT THE FAIRGROUNDS** at 1 pm for all Horse members. This includes Horsemanship and Horseless Horse members. If you cannot attend, please contact a Horse Committee member to make arrangements.

Horsemanship:

October 16th: MANDATORY ORIENTATION and WORK DAY. 1:00-5:00 pm. New Year Orientation, Helmet Fitting for new members, Trailering and Trailer Safety demonstration, and work day. Call a horse committee member if you are unable to attend.

October 29th: Halloween Play Day Fundraiser. Details will be given at the Orientation on the 16th. Watch for flyers or call a horse committee member for more details.

Green Horse/C2M:

No meeting in October. Members will be contacted with schedule once it is finalized.

Ranch Horse:

October 8th: Call Jeff Cooper (580-9279) to pre-register. **CATTLE WORK THIS MONTH!!**

Horseless Horse:

October 10th: Call Katie Cooper (580-9278) with questions. 5:30 pm at the Fellowship Baptist Church.

UPCOMING DATES:

October 15th: Gallatin Saddle and Harness Club Halloween Horse Show, 8:00 am. Contact Carrie Hotzel at 587-9305 for information.

December 2nd-4th: State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum. Call the 4-H Office for registration information.

Horseless Horse Project

The first meeting for the Horseless Horse Project will be October 10th at 5:30 pm at the Fellowship Baptist Church (Durstson and 19th). This meeting will schedule the rest of the year, and plan project activities. Please bring project books. Call Katie Cooper (580-9278) with questions. If you cannot attend, please call to get information.



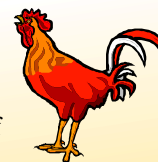
MSU Equine Conference

The second annual Montana State University Equine Conference is designed to update horse owners and enthusiasts on the latest scientific and practical information related to horses and horse management. The conference Saturday Oct. 8 will be held in Bozeman at the MSU Strand Union Building and will run from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by MSU's Animal and Range Sciences Department, the program has been designed with the help of equine professionals from across Montana. This year's program emphasizes equine nutrition, dentistry and poisonous plants and features speakers from Minnesota, Utah and North Dakota. Workshops will include information on feed supplementation, purchasing and storing hay, managing horses in the mountains, signs and causes of lameness, hoof trimming, body condition, care of older horses, horse manure and environment, stable management, an update on horse-related legislation, and information on MSU Extension's 4-H Horse Program. In addition, MSU faculty and Montana equine professionals will address a variety of topics from feedstuffs to politics. Conference participants will select topics that fit their interests in four concurrent sessions and will have access to information on equine products and services from a variety of Montana businesses and organizations. The registration fee includes lunch. The cost to register before Oct. 1 is \$20 for an adult or \$10 for a child 12 years old or younger. The day of the conference, registration is \$30 for an adult and \$15 for a child. Preregistration is encouraged. Checks or money orders should be payable to MSU Animal & Range Sciences and can be mailed to Julie Hager, Department of Animal and Range Sciences, MSU, P.O. Box 172900, Bozeman, MT 59717- 2900.

Poultry

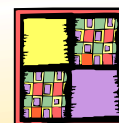
Join us for an orientation, ideas and planning meeting for the upcoming year. The Rockin' Rooster Club will meet at the Valley Bank of Belgrade at 6:00 pm.

Poultry Project members will meet at the Valley Bank of Belgrade at 7:00 pm. Call Betsy Heckel at 388-7578 if you have any questions.



Quilting

Get out your needles, thread and material. The quilting project will be starting soon. Please call Sandra Fiegi at 388-6906 for more information and starting dates, times, and locations.



Rabbit

Last year was a great year! The rabbit project was really fun and we learned a lot!

Due to the ARBA show at the Nile on October 15, the rabbit workshop will be held on October 8th at 2:00 pm at Brenda Townsend's house. If you need help getting there, call Brenda at 284-6434 after 5:30. We will be deciding on what we are going to do for the year. Everyone should come and bring a few of your ideas. We will be voting on what projects we would like to do this year. Let's have a great year this year!



Scrapbooking

Come join the scrapbooking project. Learn how to preserve your photos, get organized, page composition, page layout ideas, and much more. There will be an orientation meeting on October 17th at 7:00 pm. Please bring 2-3 photos. Other materials will be provided. We are excited to get this project going and hope you will be interested and able to come. Contact the project leader, Elizabeth Cash, for directions. She can be reached at 582-1702. Elizabeth is also conducting 4-H Historian workshops and is available as a guest speaker.



Gallatin County 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
September 13, 2005 MacKenzie River Pizza Belgrade, MT

The meeting was called to order by President Carrie at 6:45pm. Roll was taken. Members present were: Todd Kesner, Sandra Fiegi, Debbie Robinson, Kathy Cheney, Carrie Hotzel, Ginny Francis and Laura Heck. Guests present were: Betsy Heckel, Kelley Phipps and Sonja Berg.

Debbie made a motion, seconded by Sandra to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. There was no correspondence. The treasurer's report was reviewed. Ginny made a motion, seconded by Debbie to approve the treasurer's report as printed.

Old Business:
Costco Membership. Todd reported that the Costco membership has been purchased. Three cards were issued, with one being transferable. This will help greatly with office purchases as well as purchases for bigger events, such as camp, fair, etc. The 4-H credit card to be used with the membership is in the works.
Murdochs. There will not be a pig roast on Sept. 17th at Murdochs, but the ambassadors will be at Murdochs from 11 to 2 promoting 4-H.

New Business:
Leader Training. The state leaders training will be Oct. 7-9 in Miles City.
Ambassador Fall Training Chaperone. The training for the ambassadors is Oct. 20-22 at Fairmont Hot Springs. Carrie volunteered to chaperone. Debbie made a motion, seconded by Sandra to pay for Carrie and the girls to go to Fairmont. Motion carried.
County 4-H Flag. There were three entries for the flag competition. After much discussion, it was decided that the three flag ideas will be combined. Stetson Robinson will be asked to draw a combination of the flags and bring it to the next meeting. The three people who made entries, as well as Stetson will be given a certificate for a free pizza.
Horse Trailer. A family has donated a horse trailer to a 4-H member. As outlined in the newsletter, anyone interested in being chosen as the recipient of the trailer was asked to write a letter. Two letters were received. Kathy made a motion, seconded by Debbie to have the horse committee decide on the recipient. Motion carried. Note: if the trailer doesn't work out for the recipient, it will be asked that the recipient donate it back to 4-H.
Turkey Winner. In the recent raffle, James Snyder was the winner of the turkey. Help is needed locating the winner, so that he can pick up his turkey.
Concessions at Winterfest. For Winterfest (in Feb.), there is a request for 4-H to have concessions. It will probably be in the arena concession area. The fair board will decide on September 20 if the 17% charge will be assessed. Help will probably be needed from Friday to Monday. This opportunity will be open to all clubs/projects. Watch the newsletter for details.
Window Displays. Any club that is planning a window display for national 4-H week (Oct. 2-8) needs to let Todd know when and where the display will be.
State Horse Show. The state horse show had to be postponed until May 2006 due to an outbreak of Vesticular Stomatitis.
Small Bore Grant. The grant proposal will be read at the Oct. meeting, after the Sept. 30 deadline.
Congress. Gallatin County had three members attend Congress in July. After some discussion, it was decided that we should utilize adult chaperones (leaders or parents) for Congress as has been done in the past, and is done by other counties. There was also discussion about having members sign an application/contract when attending events such as Congress. There will be more discussion at a later date.
Sandra made a motion, seconded by Kathy to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. Motion carried.

Ginny Francis, Secretary

Master Gardener Class Offered By Gallatin County MSU Extension

We are gearing up for another great Master Gardener course! The class is scheduled for January 25—April 5, 2006, 6:00-8:00 pm Wednesday evenings. The class will be held in Leon Johnson Hall on the MSU-Bozeman campus. Cost will be \$85 per person which includes text and training materials. Montana's urban and suburban population is rapidly increasing. Our temperature extremes, scarcity of water in some areas, and challenging soils combine to give us one of the harshest growing climates in the world. Civic groups and home gardeners are thirsty for information. Our Extension receives a thousand inquiries each year! Master Gardeners provide a valuable service to the community by applying their new skills to abate this demand for information.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Kara at the Gallatin Extension office (582-3280) or email gallatin2@montana.edu.

Montana State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum

December 2-4, 2005

Bozeman, MT

Registration

- \$35 by October 21
- \$50 by November 15
- \$75 after November 15

Lodging

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Bozeman, Comfort Inn. Call 587-2322 to book your room and request the Horse Leaders Forum rate.

Name: _____

(Open to 4-H Age 14 and Up)

Mailing Address: _____

County: _____

Please let us know of any special needs: _____

Please choose your preferred workshops on the back side of this form

Contact the Gallatin County Extension office at 582-3280 for workshop description sheet

Send this registration form and make payment to:

Montana 4-H Horse Leaders Forum
901 North Black Ave.
Bozeman, MT 59715

****Don't forget to reserve your room at the Bozeman Comfort Inn****

State 4-H Horse Leaders Forum Workshops and Schedule
To assist us in planning, please indicate the sessions you wish to attend.

Friday, December 2nd

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. - Registration at Bozeman Comfort Inn

5:30 and 6:00 p.m. - ☐ Yes, I would like to be picked up at the Comfort Inn by horse drawn wagon for transportation to chuck wagon chili feed/evening workshops at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds.

Workshops (Choose One)

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. - ☐ Getting a Driving Program Started in Your County
☐ Trailering Solutions

8:00 p.m. - Wagon rides back to Comfort Inn

Saturday, December 3rd

7:00 a.m. – Continental breakfast provided by Comfort Inn

Workshops (Choose One Per Time Slot)

8:00 – 9:15 a.m. - ☐ Proper Shoeing for your Horse
☐ Having Fun with Horseless Horse
☐ An Overview of the 4-H Horse Program
☐ Careers in the Equine Industry and Research

9:30 – 10:45 a.m. - ☐ Bits
☐ Utilizing Junior Leaders and Ambassadors
☐ Parliamentary Procedure
☐ Games on Horseback - Teaching Basic Horsemanship

11:00 – 12:15 p.m. - ☐ Bit Demonstration With Horses
☐ Starting a Successful Riding Helmet Program
☐ Horse Health Care
☐ Demonstrations and Public Speaking

12:15 – 1:30 - Lunch provided at Comfort Inn

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. - ☐ Ranch Horse I
☐ Conducting Assessments
☐ Is your saddle right for you?

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. - ☐ Ranch Horse II
☐ Packing
☐ Horseless Activities

4:45 – 7:30 p.m. - Downtown Bozeman Christmas Stroll and dinner on your own

8:00 p.m. - Ice Cream Social and Share Fair at Comfort Inn

Sunday, December 4th

7:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast provided by Comfort Inn.

8:00 a.m. - Cowboy Church at Fairgrounds on your own.

Workshops (Please Check Box If Participating in Sunday Workshops)

9:00-11:00 a.m. - ☐ English Equitation and Pattern Work

11:00-12:00 p.m. - ☐ Horse Judging as a Project

12:00 p.m. - Depart

RE-ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

When your 4-H project doesn't begin for a few months into the 4-H year, it is easy to forget to re-enroll by the **October 1st deadline**. **In order to avoid a late fee, please re-enroll and pay your \$15.00 registration by October 1st**. Late fees will be \$5.00 per member per month after October 1st up to a \$15.00 per member maximum. To re-enroll, please visit the 4-H office at the Fairgrounds or call 582-3280 with questions. Thank you for your interest in 4-H and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Upcoming Events & Deadline

OCTOBER:

Plan Your Year (give guidance but let kids make choices - don't forget to have fun!) Recruit Help! Elect New Officers!

- a. Community Service (choose at least 1 project as club)- ask office for ideas
- b. Fundraisers (decide how to raise money for camp, fair, etc.) - office has materials
- c. Field Trips (learn & have fun)
- d. Guests (informative and fun)
- e. Club Demos (relaxed atmosphere – have each kid do 1, prepares them for Demonstration Day.)

2-8 - National 4-H Week - Window Display in Local Business

7-8 - Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in Miles City

12-15 - NILE (Northern International Livestock Exposition) in Billings

NOVEMBER:

Turn in Yearly Club Program to Extension Agent

3-5 MSU Ag Days & Ag Appreciation Weekend

Make It With Wool Contest

Military Mail "Friends of our Troops" – for Christmas

25-29 National 4-H Congress

DECEMBER:

2-4 State 4-H Horse Leaders' Forum

4-H Foundation Grants - Deadline 31st

Here is a question for you?????

What can the office staff do to assist you? What would you like to see? What would you like us to do to make things better for you? We are open to suggestions and would like your input. It can be strictly anonymous or you can let us know who you are and what you would like. Please communicate your wants and needs. We are here to serve you. Anything you want to see on the website? Forward club minutes, happenings, events, pictures, ... and we will post them at www.gallatinextension.com. You can either e-mail your items to gallatin1@montana.edu or mail to 901 North Black, Bozeman, MT 59715.

MSU Ag Days Livestock Judging

Livestock judging kids: Don't forget there will be livestock judging during MSU Ag Days in November.

Window Displays

Show pride in your 4-H club by placing a display in the window of any area business. The display should show activities and accomplishments in 4-H with pictures, awards, and fun decorations. Call the 4-H office at 582-3280 and let us know by October 3 where your display is so it can be judged.



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IFYE (International Four-H Youth Exchange)

Some of you are familiar with this unique opportunity for 19-30 year old 4-Hers (or former 4-Hers) to travel abroad and learn about the culture and language of another country. As well, IFYE representatives from other countries visit the United States and are matched with host families. The program begins each summer and participants may travel for 3 or 6 months. This year, because of Visa restrictions, we are encouraging the 3 month stay as there is a Visa waiver in place for this length of time. Six month travel is allowed, but it may be more difficult to obtain the necessary travel documentation. At this time, participating countries are Switzerland, Germany, Estonia, Finland, Sweden, Luxembourg, Thailand, Korea and other Asian countries and, possibly, Australia and New Zealand. In addition to the IFYE representative program, the IFYE Ambassador program is for 4-Hers, 16-26, and participants usually go as a group for 6 weeks. Please support this important cultural exchange program and "spread the word" to your 4-H families. **The application deadline is December 1, 2005. Contact the Extension office at 582-3280 if interested and we will send an application.**

Montana 4-H Youth Congress Planning

The purpose is to bring together individuals interested in creating the vision for the State 4-H Youth Congress. Attendees will provide the direction that future congress planning will take, including theme, workshop topics, and much more. You must have attended Montana 4-H Youth Congress at least one year to be eligible. **Deadline for application is November 1st. Contact the Extension office for an application at 901 North Black or call 582-3280.**